# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS **EASTERN DIVISION**

DON WILLIAMS d/b/a URTHCOM, LLC	)
Plaintiff,	) ) ) CASE NO. 08cv2839 JH
v.	) JUDGE HOLDERMAN
SOLID CONTACT BASEBALL, INC.,	) MAGISTRATE JUDGE ASHMAN )
Defendant.	
SOLID CONTACT BASEBALL, INC.,	) ) )
Counter-Plaintiff,	)
v.	) )
DON WILLIAMS,	)
Counter-Defendant. SOLID CONTACT BASEBALL, INC.,	) )
Third Party Plaintiff,	)
V.	) )
URTHCOM, LLC; PETER CEKO; AND CEKOM CORP;	, ) )
Third Party Defendants.	, )

# FIRST AMENDED THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT

Defendant, Counter-Plaintiff and Third Party Plaintiff, SOLID CONTACT BASEBALL, INC. ("SCB"), by and through its attorneys, for its First Amended Third Party Complaint against UrthCom, LLC, Peter Ceko, and Cekom Corporation, states as follows:

# **Nature of the Case**

- 1. This is an action for (1) breach of contract; (2) fraud in the inducement; (3) violations of the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS 510/1 *et seq.*; (4) civil conspiracy; and (5) breach of fiduciary duty.
- 2. Third Party Defendant UrthCom, LLC ("UrthCom") is the alter ego of Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Don Williams ("Williams") and has, alone or in concert with Williams, breached an agreement with SCB to provide certain marketing services. Williams/UrthCom collected SCB's money and then delivered in return an "infomercial" for SCB's GAP Hitter product with content and formatting deficiencies so serious as to be completely useless for broadcast.
- 3. In addition, Third Party Defendants UrthCom, Peter Ceko ("Ceko"), and Cekom Corporation ("Cekom"), have each, alone or in concert with Williams, acted to deceive and commit fraud against SCB by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting the qualifications, experience and abilities of Williams and/or UrthCom; by intentionally failing to disclose the financial interest of Ceko in and to the business operations of Williams and UrthCom; and by committing various other deceptive and unfair acts in violation of law.

# **Jurisdiction and Venue**

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this Third Party Complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1). UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom are citizens of a different state than SCB, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. Personal jurisdiction and venue are proper because UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom are citizens of the State of Illinois residing in this judicial district.

# The Parties

- 5. Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff/Third Party Plaintiff SCB is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Connecticut.
- 6. On information and belief, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Williams, an individual, is a citizen of the State of Illinois.
- 7. On information and belief, Third Party Defendant UrthCom is an Illinois Limited Liability Company formed on April 23, 2008 in the State of Illinois. Upon further information and belief, at all times relevant to this Third Party Complaint, UrthCom was and is a mere sham and shell organized and operated as the alter ego of Counter-Defendant Williams for his sole benefit and advantage.
- 8. On information and belief, Third Party Defendant Ceko, an individual, is a citizen of the State of Illinois. Mr. Ceko is a shareholder in SCB and was, until June 20, 2008, a Director of SCB. On information and belief, Mr. Ceko is the brother-in-law of Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Williams.
- 9. On information and belief, Third Party Defendant Cekom is an Illinois corporation formed in 1992, with a principal place of business at 457 Oak Knoll Road, Barrington, Illinois 60010. Upon further information and belief, at all times relevant to this Third Party Complaint, Cekom was and is a mere sham and shell organized and operated as the alter ego of Ceko for his sole benefit and advantage.

# Facts Relevant to All of SCB's Claims For Relief

10. SCB was founded in 1999 by a small group of friends and family, in order to build a business around a unique baseball training tool developed by SCB founder Robert "Bob" Moss ("Bob Moss"). During his years of teaching and coaching at the Pee-Wee and Little League levels of baseball, Bob Moss was made aware of the limited benefits and significant

shortcomings of the ubiquitous static batting tee training tool ("Tee-Ball") used for decades. Intent on creating a totally new training tool that would improve on the Tee-Ball and help young hitters to develop proper hand-eye coordination and transition fully towards hitting a moving ball, Bob Moss invented a new kind of pitching machine known as the "GAP Hitter." The GAP Hitter is a pendulum-action baseball training device that can be used by amateur and professional baseball players of all ages to practice and perfect their swings.

- 11. Today SCB is under the leadership of Bob Moss' son, Robert A. Moss, Jr. ("Rob Moss"), the current President of SCB. In mid-2007, in order to increase sales, Rob Moss began to investigate developing a marketing campaign for the GAP Hitter, to include launch of a GAP Hitter-themed e-commerce website, two short commercials, an instructional DVD, and a long-form direct response broadcast television program, or "infomercial."
- 12. On or about August 27, 2007, Rob Moss was introduced to Williams by Ceko, Williams' brother-in-law. Ceko recommended to Rob Moss and other executives of SCB that SCB retain Williams (doing business at that time under the assumed name "Xtra Strength") to provide production and other services related to the planned GAP Hitter marketing campaign. Ceko represented to Moss and SCB that Williams had extensive experience in marketing in general, and direct response marketing in particular, and claimed that Williams had previously created a professional infomercial for the popular "Bowflex" product. SCB thus commenced negotiations with Williams.
- 13. During these negotiations, Williams similarly stressed his expertise in the field of direct response marketing. Williams expressly represented to SCB that he and his company had worked on numerous direct response projects. Williams assured SCB that based on his vast experience in the field, "Xtra Strength" was capable of delivering a professional long-form

"Infomercial"). Williams also told SCB that his company could produce a better quality product than any of the other companies that SCB was considering, at a lower cost.

## The Letter of Agreement & SCB's Payments

- 14. Based on the express representations of Williams and Ceko as to Williams' prior experience, abilities, qualifications, and expertise, SCB elected to move ahead with Williams. When it came time to put the parties' agreement into writing, Williams explained that "Xtra Strength" was his marketing company, and that he had a separate production company, "UrthCom, LLC," through which he intended to provide direct television/infomercial production and marketing services to SCB. SCB thus entered into a letter of agreement with "UrthCom, LLC" dated September 5, 2007 and executed by SCB on or about September 21, 2007 (the "LOA"). A true and correct copy of the LOA is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 15. On or about September 7, 2007, and pursuant to the terms of the LOA, SCB made an initial wire transfer payment of \$67,150 to a numbered account at JP Morgan Chase bank provided by Stephanie Wysocki, formerly known as Stephanie Rice ("Wysocki") at Xtra Strength. The account was held in the name of Cekom, which—unknown to SCB at that time—is controlled by Ceko. This initial payment was made by SCB in good faith, even though the LOA had not yet been finalized and executed, so that Williams might begin production of the GAP Hitter Infomercial.
- 16. In addition to the initial payment of \$67,150, SCB expended additional amounts for inventory, travel, and related costs in order to facilitate creation of the Infomercial, both to "UrthCom, LLC" directly, and to various third parties. SCB also provided monetary and other valuable compensation to obtain endorsements for the Infomercial, including from legendary Hall-of-Fame baseball player Rod Carew.

# **Misrepresentations & Fraudulent Omissions**

- 17. Unbeknownst to SCB, many of the representations made by Williams and Ceko to convince SCB to execute the LOA were false, deceptive, and fraudulent. For example, although Williams held "UrthCom, LLC" out as a legitimate business entity, as of the date of the LOA, "UrthCom, LLC" was a fiction and did not exist as a legal entity recognized by Illinois or any other state. Furthermore, upon information and belief, Williams and "UrthCom, LLC" lacked the claimed experience in the realm of direct television marketing and infomercials. These and other misrepresentations were made with the express intent to induce SCB into entering into a contract with "UrthCom, LLC," and in furtherance of an agreement to defraud SCB.
- 18. Further unbeknownst to SCB, Ceko had an undisclosed financial interest in "UrthCom, LLC," either personally or through his alter-ego, Cekom. On information and belief, Ceko is the President, Secretary and agent for service of process of Cekom. At Ceko's instruction, the initial payment made by SCB under the LOA was directed not to "Xtra Strength" or "UrthCom, LLC," but rather to an account at JP Morgan Chase (Acct. No. 2664232) held in the name of Cekom. "UrthCom, LLC" continued to invoice SCB using the Cekom account number—all with Ceko's knowledge and approval—throughout the remainder of 2007 and into 2008, even after the SCB Board of Directors had discussed that there were issues with the deliverables provided by Williams. Ceko did not admit that SCB's payments under the LOA had been transferred into an account he controlled until finally confronted by SCB in February, 2008. If Ceko's financial interest in "UrthCom, LLC" had been known to SCB at the outset of its negotiations with Williams, SCB likely would not have entered into the LOA. At a minimum, SCB would have conducted further investigation into the qualifications and experience of Williams and "Xtra Strength"/"UrthCom, LLC."

- 19. Having no experience in direct response marketing, and in light of the advice and recommendation of its Director Ceko (who intentionally failed to disclose his financial interest in "UrthCom, LLC"), SCB relied on the false and misleading representations of Williams, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom and thus reposed SCB's entire confidence and trust in the abilities and experience of Williams and "UrthCom, LLC."
- 20. The attempts by Williams, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom to bilk SCB for as much money as possible did not end with the misrepresentations of Williams' experience, or even with the failure to disclose Ceko's financial interest in "UrthCom." Rather, Williams and his alterego "UrthCom, LLC" knowingly submitted false invoices for payment to SCB which included overcharges for services actually performed; fraudulent charges for other items and services either not actually performed, or else not part of the parties' agreement and not otherwise approved or authorized; and charges for items and services which Williams and UrthCom knowingly and intentionally deceived SCB into believing were being offered on a free or complimentary basis, in order to induce SCB into agreeing to them.
- 21. For example, during shooting of the Infomercial, Wysocki, an agent of "UrthCom, LLC" and employee of Williams, requested approval from SCB for a podcasting budget. SCB President Rob Moss expressly disapproved the request. Nonetheless, Invoice No. 12310701 (a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2) includes a purported charge to SCB of \$1,000 for "Podcast Recording." In addition to this completely unauthorized charge, the same Invoice No. 1231071 includes inappropriate double charges to SCB for items that were already included in the contract price set forth in the LOA (*e.g.*, for "Stadium Food," "GAP Hitter Landing Page," etc.), as well as charges over and above the work actually done (*e.g.*, "Talent").

22. As another example, on or about September 14, 2007, Wysocki—acting as an agent and employee of "UrthCom, LLC" and/or Williams—offered to drive two SCB executives from Chicago, Illinois to New Berlin, Wisconsin for a meeting with the fulfillment group for the GAP Hitter product. The SCB executives had already rented a car for the short (approximately 90-minute) drive, but Wysocki was persistent in her offer, and repeatedly expressed that it was "no problem" for her to drive the executives in her own car. Believing based on Wysocki's representations that her offer was being made as part of the package of turn-key client services supposedly included in the contract price, the SCB executives accepted the ride, and even picked up the tab for Wysocki's lunch on their return trip. No mention was ever made of the fact that SCB would incur additional charges (i.e., over and above the contract fees) for Wysocki's time, but Invoice No. 10010701 (a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3) from "UrthCom" includes a purported charge of \$1,000 for "Fulfillment Group Meeting"—a hefty amount for what was, in essence, an unrequested and unnecessary chauffeur service by Wysocki. Following complaint by SCB about the "Fulfillment Group Meeting" charge and other questionable and/or unauthorized charges included in Invoice No. 10010701, "UrthCom" later submitted a replacement invoice that had been "reduced to cover hard costs." A true and correct copy of that invoice and a related cover email is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

# **Delays & Delivery of the Deficient Infomercial**

23. Williams and "UrthCom, LLC" failed to meet each and every agreed-upon delivery deadline set by the LOA and the agreement of the parties. The net result of such delay was that SCB missed the intended first-quarter 2008 rollout for the Infomercial. The first quarter of each calendar year is always the strongest sales period for direct response television campaigns, and thus the delay in roll-out of the Infomercial caused direct damage to SCB in the form of missed opportunities and lost sales.

- 24. When Williams and company finally did deliver the Infomercial, SCB learned to its dismay that the final product was woefully deficient in a number of important ways. Due to the relatively high rates quoted, and lack of experience of the media team selected, by Williams and/or UrthCom, SCB advised "UrthCom, LLC" in or about January, 2008, that SCB would conduct media testing on its own. SCB therefore forwarded the mastered version of the Infomercial to its media vendors for review on the Infomercial's compliance with broadcast standards, only to be informed that the finished Infomercial contained formatting and content deficiencies so severe that no network would, or legally could, broadcast it. In addition to the failure to meet basic legal requirements, the Infomercial produced by Williams and "UrthCom, LLC" lacks standard marketing messages that are commonly understood among legitimate members of the direct response industry to be virtual prerequisites to any successful piece. In short, the Infomercial is completely useless.
- 25. Upon information and belief, neither Williams nor any employee of the entity holding itself out as "UrthCom, LLC" had ever had primary responsibility for the creation of a direct response marketing piece at the time the LOA was executed.
- 26. Upon information and belief, neither Williams nor any other employee of the entity holding itself out as "UrthCom, LLC" had ever had primary responsibility for the creation of a direct response marketing piece for the popular "Bowflex" product at the time the LOA was executed.
- 27. Upon information and belief, "Bosco Productions," the production company selected by Williams and/or UrthCom to produce the Informercial, had not previously produced a similar long-form informercial at the time the LOA was executed. On further information and

belief, Williams, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom knew this when selecting and/or recommending Bosco Productions to produce the Infomercial.

- 28. SCB's media vendors have provided consistent feedback as to the key areas of deficiency of the Infomercial. For example, the following represents a non-exhaustive list of the problems and deficiencies in the Infomercial:
  - Hosts are not introduced:
  - Lack of the typical, proven industry-standard format of three "pods" with calls-to-action between each pod;
  - Continuous display of the sales telephone number and the URL of SCB's website, undermining the effectiveness of the calls-to-action;
  - No closed-captioning;
  - Required legal disclosures are unusually worded and, in some cases, missing altogether;
  - Calls-to-action are not properly mastered for insertion of editable information, which is critical for testing purposes, as well as roll-out trackability to regional markets;
  - Lack of focused and tenacious selling and little sense of urgency;
  - Lack of other typical, industry-standard selling tactics, *i.e.*, no clear exposition of the "common problem" faced by potential product customers, the deficiencies of competitive products, the unique and easy solution offered by the GAP Hitter, or the substantial value of the product offer.
- 29. Once it became apparent to SCB that there was an issue with the deliverables provided by Williams and UrthCom, SCB's executives notified the SCB Board of Directors (the "Board"), including Ceko. In response, Ceko worked at cross-purposes to SCB, urging SCB to simply accept the deficient Infomercial and settle its disputes with Williams and UrthCom, rather than insist on its contractual rights. Ceko argued that the Infomercial would "never be perfect and management should not try to tweak it too much." Ceko further urged the Board to let him serve as the primary liaison between SCB and Williams/UrthCom. On information and belief, Ceko shared confidential SCB information—that he only had access to as a result of his position as an SCB Board member—with Williams, UrthCom, and Cekom.

### **Ongoing Damage to SCB**

- 30. Because it could not make use of the Infomercial as intended, SCB was forced to hire a new consultant and production team to help produce and test a short-form campaign as a "stop-gap" measure to avoid further damage. SCB has already spent more than \$35,000 in new production costs in an effort to mitigate its damage, and that number will only grow. SCB has further accumulated expenses related to warehousing fees for excess inventory due to the delay in the GAP Hitter television campaign. But the damage to SCB in lost sales goes beyond these outlays of additional money—SCB has been thus far deprived of the opportunity to market the GAP Hitter via the Infomercial during the peak of the 2008 baseball season. The real and actual damage to SCB only increases each day that it does not have a direct response marketing piece on the air.
- 31. In addition to the deficient Infomercial, Williams and UrthCom have failed to provide the remaining deliverables under the LOA, namely acceptable short-form television commercials or the GAP Hitter instructional DVD. The instructional DVD was intended to be used both as a bonus item for consumers purchasing through the Infomercial, as well as a standalone product to generate its own sales revenue. Moreover, although Williams/UrthCom did initially develop a GAP Hitter-themed website for SCB's use in accordance with the LOA, they later demanded that SCB take the site down, and SCB complied. SCB has since incurred even more expenses launching a temporary site to salvage at least some of its GAP Hitter sales while it works to develop a replacement marketing campaign.
- 32. Rather than assist SCB to mitigate its damages resulting from the deficient Infomercial and missing deliverables under the LOA, Ceko again worked at cross-purposes to SCB. Ceko criticized the proposed short-form replacement video, claiming that he would be embarrassed to show it to investors. Furthermore, each time Ceko was questioned by the SCB

Board or its executives about his relationship with Williams and UrthCom and his apparent conflict of interest, he attempted to divert attention from these issues by creating others—criticizing and challenging management and making unreasonable and unnecessary demands for documentation and other information to SCB's corporate counsel. On information and belief, all such challenges and demands by Ceko were made in bad faith solely to cause confusion, mistrust, and delay in furtherance of Ceko's conspiracy with Williams, UrthCom, and Cekom, and not for any proper purpose. Ceko's actions wasted the time of SCB's Board and management, and directly caused additional harm to SCB as a result of legal fees and other expenses incurred in responding to each unreasonable, bad faith request.

### Count I

# **Breach of Contract by Third Party Defendant UrthCom**

- 33. SCB restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 32 as if set forth fully in this Count.
- 34. Per the terms of the LOA, UrthCom was obligated to develop and produce a professional "Infomercial" for nationwide broadcast marketing of SCB's GAP Hitter product, two short-form television commercials, an instructional DVD, and an e-commerce website. The production services enumerated in the LOA included all aspects of production; SCB's only contribution to the Infomercial was to be supply of the featured product itself.
- 35. Notwithstanding the contractual terms set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph, UrthCom knowingly and willfully violated the terms of the LOA, by either failing to deliver the products and services agreed upon, or else by providing deliverables so seriously deficient as to be completely unusable by SCB.

- 36. The actions and omissions of UrthCom constitute a breach of its contractual obligations to SCB as stated in the LOA, causing SCB to suffer financial and other damage in an amount to be proven at trial. SCB met each of its obligations under the LOA, or else was excused from performing them following UrthCom's breach.
- 37. Per the terms of the LOA, SCB is entitled to an award of all of its reasonable attorney fees, costs and expenses incurred as result of bringing this claim.

### **Count II**

# Fraud in the Inducement By All Third Party Defendants

- 38. SCB restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 37 as if set forth fully in this Count.
- 39. During negotiation of the LOA, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom, and/or the agents of each, made the false and misleading representations and omissions set forth above. These representations and omissions were made with the intent to deceive SCB and for the purpose of inducing SCB into executing the LOA, and with full knowledge that they were untrue and/or likely to mislead SCB.
- 40. SCB executed the LOA in reliance on the fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions of UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom as set forth herein. SCB's reliance on these misrepresentations and omissions was reasonable under the circumstances. At the time the representations and statements described herein were made to SCB, SCB believed that they were true and had no reason to believe that they were false. Had SCB known the true nature of "UrthCom, LLC's" business, Williams' (lack of) experience, and Ceko's financial interest in "UrthCom, LLC" and Cekom, SCB never would have executed the LOA or paid any sum at all to any of Williams, UrthCom, Ceko, or Cekom.

- 41. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing conduct by UrthCom, Ceko, and Cekom, SCB has suffered, is suffering and will continue to suffer financial and other damage in an amount to be proven at trial, for which UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom are each jointly and severally liable.
- 42. In doing the things alleged in this Third Party Complaint, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom acted deliberately, wantonly, recklessly, and maliciously. As a result, SCB is entitled to an award of punitive damages, in addition to its actual damages.

### **Count III**

# Violation of 815 ILCS 510/1 et seq. By All Third Party Defendants

- 43. SCB restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 42 as if set forth fully in this Count.
- 44. UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom, by the reason of the foregoing acts, have engaged in unfair and/or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS 510/1 *et seq*.
- 45. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of UrthCom, Ceko, and Cekom, SCB has suffered, is suffering and will continue to suffer financial and other damage in an amount to be proven at trial, for which UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom are each jointly and severally liable.

## **Count IV**

# **Civil Conspiracy By All Third Party Defendants**

- 46. SCB restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 45 as if set forth fully in this Count.
- 47. Prior to the time that SCB executed the LOA, on information and belief, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom, along with Williams, conspired to mislead and deceive SCB with

respect to the success and experience of Williams and "UrthCom, LLC" in the field of direct response marketing, and conspired to engage in other unlawful, unfair and deceptive acts, all in order to induce SCB to enter into an contract which SCB otherwise would not have agreed to.

- 48. On information and belief, Williams, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom secretly understood and agreed that it would be represented to SCB that Williams had more experience than he actually did, and/or that Williams possessed qualifications and expertise he did not actually possess. Williams, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom secretly understood and agreed that, in addition to the fees set forth in the LOA, Williams and UrthCom would invoice SCB for additional improper amounts, and Ceko would use his position as an SCB Board member to convince SCB to pay all contract and invoiced amounts without protest into the account of Cekom, regardless of SCB's contractual rights or its best interests.
- 49. Williams, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom each took overt, unlawful actions in furtherance of the conspiracy, including by making fraudulent and/or deceptive representations and statements to SCB, and intentionally concealing Ceko's true financial interests in and to UrthCom and Cekom.
- 50. As a result of these wrongful acts, SCB has been damaged and has suffered lost sales, lost opportunities, and additional expenses, all in an amount to be proven at trial, for which UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom are each jointly and severally liable.
- 51. In doing the things alleged in this Third Party Complaint, UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom acted deliberately, wantonly, recklessly, and maliciously. As a result, SCB is entitled to an award of punitive damages, in addition to its actual damages.

# **Count V**

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# **Breach of Fiduciary Duty by Ceko**

- 52. SCB restates and realleges each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 51 as if set forth fully in this Count.
- 53. As a Director of SCB's Board of Directors, Third Party Defendant Ceko owed fiduciary duties to SCB and its shareholders. Ceko was required to act at all times honestly, fairly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of SCB, to exercise the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances, and to disclose any financial interest in the transaction with Williams and "UrthCom, LLC."
- 54. Ceko admitted to SCB that he had served on other boards for other organizations and was familiar with what he referred to as his "corporate responsibilities." Ceko had knowledge of the fiduciary duties he owed to SCB.
- 55. At all times relevant to this Third Party Complaint, Ceko took advantage of the trust SCB executives and board had placed in him, to engage in a pattern of nondisclosure, concealment, and self-dealing, which has caused substantial harm to SCB. Ceko failed to disclose, and in fact affirmatively concealed, the true nature of his interest and involvement in both "UrthCom, LLC" and Cekom, and failed to seek or obtain approvals from the SCB Board prior to authorizing the transfer of SCB funds into the bank account of his alter-ego, Cekom. Even after the dispute giving rise to this action arose between SCB and "UrthCom, LLC" in late 2007/early 2008, UrthCom continued to seek payment from SCB into the Cekom account number, all with Ceko's knowledge and approval. Ceko urged SCB and its Board to accept deficient deliverables from, and settle all disputes with, Williams and UrthCom, contrary to the best interests of SCB. When challenged by SCB on the foregoing issues, Ceko made unreasonable and bad faith demands for information and documentation as a diversionary tactic,

leading SCB to incur legal fees and other expenses that would not have been otherwise necessary.

- 56. By the foregoing actions, Ceko, alone or in conspiracy with Williams, UrthCom, and Cekom, intended to divert to himself, or to persons with whom he is associated, including but not limited to his alter ego, Third Party Defendant Cekom, the assets of SCB, and wrongfully, illegally, and fraudulently to use the assets of SCB for his own personal interests, advantage and profit, to the financial loss and contrary to the interests of SCB and other shareholders of SCB.
- 57. Ceko, by the foregoing actions, has been unjustly enriched, and has, in fact, diverted for his own use funds belonging to SCB to which he was not entitled. These misappropriated funds have not been repaid.
- 58. By the foregoing actions, Ceko has breached his fiduciary duties to SCB and it shareholders, and is therefore obligated to account to SCB, and to return all wrongfully diverted funds to SCB.
- 59. As a direct and proximate result of Ceko's conduct, SCB has suffered, is suffering and will continue to suffer financial and other damage in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 60. In doing the things alleged in this claim, Ceko acted deliberately, wantonly, recklessly, and maliciously. As a result, SCB is entitled to an award of punitive damages, in addition to its actual damages.

## **SCB's Prayer for Relief**

WHEREFORE, SCB respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment against UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom as follows:

- 1. Awarding SCB all actual damages sustained by reason of the acts alleged herein by UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom, including interest thereon at the maximum rate permitted by law;
- 2. Awarding SCB all profits realized by UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom by reason of the acts alleged herein, including interest thereon at the maximum rate permitted by law;
- 3. Awarding SCB increased damages and/or punitive damages as allowed by law in an amount sufficient to punish UrthCom, Ceko and Cekom, and deter others;
- 4. Awarding SCB its costs, disbursements and reasonable attorneys' fees as recoverable by contract and/or as permitted by law; and
- 5. Awarding SCB such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and equitable.

# **Jury Trial Demand**

SCB demands a trial by jury on all claims as to which jury trial may be had.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jami A. Gekas

One of the Attorneys for Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff/Third Party Plaintiff SOLID CONTACT BASEBALL, INC.

Dated: July 22, 2008

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing FIRST AMENDED THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT was served via the CM/ECF electronic filing system on this 22nd day of July, 2008, and thereby served upon counsel of record.

By: s/ Jami A. Gekas\_\_\_\_\_

One of the Attorneys for Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff/Third Party Plaintiff, SOLID CONTACT BASEBALL, INC.

# Exhibit 1



#### LIST OF AGENCY SERVICES AND FEES

This LETTER OF AGREEMENT is entered into by and between UrthCom, LLC, an Illinois Corporation ("Agency") and Solid Contact Baseball, Inc. a Connecticut Corporation ("Client"), effective Sept 5, 2007.

#### AGENCY SERVICES

Agency agrees to act as the "Advertising and Marketing Agency of Record" for the Client under the terms of this agreement. The following is a list of the services that the Agency will provide to the client.

#### Design/Creative

Agency will develop and implement the Client's creative/design related to advertising, marketing and/or promotion. Items to be included:

- The Gap Hitter Infomercial Production 30 Minute, 2 Minute, 1 Minute
- The Gap Hitter Instructional DVD Production
- Media Scheduling for Test
- Website Development

Costs are based on a two day shoot on-location in the Chicago area. Props and Gap Hitter equipment to be provided by Solid Contact Baseball.

Production costs are budgeted to include: storyboard development, script writing, location scouting, casting, director of photography, camera, grip and sound packages, makeup, wardrobe, production assistant, producer, extra grips, editing, graphics, voice-overs, and music.

Media Schedule budget is based on quote provided (\$13,400) to target key cable sports networks in Midwest, New England, Southeast, and Southwest. Note: pricing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter typically increases by 15 - 30%.

Development of interactive website includes HTML and Flash programming, custom, and stock photography, video and audio clips, and integrating e-commerce applications. Site pages will include meta-tagging techniques to increase hits through search engines.

#### **BILLING/TERMS**

Total fees for services listed above are \$134,300 which are payable with the following schedule:

- Initial payment of \$67,150 is due upon signature of Agreement
- Final Payment of \$67,150 is due November 1, 2007

Agency invoices using Net 30 terms. A monthly late fee of 1.5% of the invoice will be assessed for overdue payments.

#### MARK-UPS AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Agency's out-of-pocket expenses are subject to a handling charge of 15% (agency standard ranges from 18 – 30%) The proposal/retainer does not include costs such as photography & illustration, scanning, film separations, and photomanipulation/retouching. It also does not include costs for presentation materials, such as color fiery proofs and presentation boards.

#### JOB ESTIMATES

Agency agrees to provide the Client with job estimates prior to starting every project/campaign. Client approval of the estimate is the Agency's authorization to proceed with the project/campaign.

#### SHIPPING

Shipping and/or messenger charges are not included and will be billed at invoiced amount.

#### **CHANGE ORDERS**

Change orders will be issued for individual project components is the work requested by the client falls outside of the scope of previous agreements and allotted rounds of refinements. Verbal approval will be sufficient to keep the project component active. However, Agency reserves the rights to stop work on the additional assignment unless written authorization from Client is received within 5 working days of its submission.

#### CHANGE FEES

Agency reserves the right to submit additional invoices for professional fees and out-of-pocket fees, which are the result of any of the following changes in the scope or direction of the project: a change in senior management, increase in the scope of agreed upon activities, a change in client business strategy which causes a change in the direction of the project, an increase in scope of any agreed upon work activities, new deliverables not included in the proposal or changes to the positioning direction after sign off. Change fees will be discussed with Client prior to additional work beyond the scope outlined in this proposal being performed.

#### TAXES

Any withholding, value-added, or similar tax will be the responsibility of and shall be paid by Client. In the event Agency pays such tax, Client shall immediately reimburse Agency.

#### TRAVEL

Travel costs are billed at our costs and will be invoiced separately each month.

#### INDEMNIFICATION

The designs, marks, and materials created by Agency are believed not to infringe upon the rights of others. It is ultimately the responsibility of Client to institute a legal trademark search for all name and logo design choices (availability, registerablility), and Agency is free of any liability in this search. Any materials or images furnished to Agency by Client must be free and clear of any copyright or trademark problems. Client alone is liable if it fails to obtain correct usage rights. If any false statements or plagiarism occurs within copy or materials applied to Agency by Client or its agency, Client will be held responsible for any legal repercussions and accepts all liability.

#### <u>SCOPE</u>

Should guidelines by Client may be changed due to the results of consumer research, competitive action or other factors while the project is underway, Agency will modify and resubmit new cost estimates.

#### LIABILITY

Agency is responsible only for corrections directed by client. The ultimate proofing responsibility for all copy rests with client, included final printers' proofs at blueline state. Note: One Client signs Agency's final proof (fiery, laser, etc) as an O.K. to send artwork to any vendor (printing, engraving, etc) any additional changes that are requested by the client will incur charges for the printer's costs and for Agency's cost. These costs will be estimated separately.

#### SECURITY

Every effort will be made to maintain the strictest confidence concerning any material, plans, or policies divulged to us in the course of Agency's relations with Client.

#### **DESIGN RIGHTS**

The design, name, mark or other material in final form that is approved by client and selected for its use will be the exclusive property of client, upon full payment of services. All other designs and materials developed in the course of the design project shall remain property of Agency, as is common in the profession. Client's ownership of legal rights in the final form of the item it selected is exclusive to the market territory identified in the project brief and to the extent provided by applicable national laws and treaties. Client's use of the final artwork or designs, in market territories other than that market territory identified in the project brief, shall require Client's prior notification of and consent by Agency. Where applicable, legal protection and appropriate registration of a design, name mark or other material developed by Agency is Client's sole responsibility and should be done promptly after final approval to preserve such rights.

#### OTHER

Throughout the life of this agreement between the Agency and the Client, there may be other business opportunities that arise. Agency and Client agree that this Letter of Agreement may be amended from time to lime to include other services as long as both Agency and Client agree to the terms.

#### ATTORNEY FEES

In any litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding by which one party either seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort, or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded its reasonable attorney fees, and costs and expenses incurred

#### SIGNATURES

Each person signing this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Agreement. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution an delivery of the Agreement and the performance of such party's obligations hereunder have been duly authorized and that the Agreement is a valid and legal agreement binding on such party and enforceable in accordance with tits terms.

UrthCom, LLC

an Illinois Company

By Donald Williams Title President Solid Contact Baseball, Inc a Connecticut Company

By Robert A Moss, Jr.

Title President

# Exhibit 2



# **Invoice**

Attention:	Robert A. Moss, Jr.	Project Title:	Solid Contact Baseball
Title:	President	<b>Project Description:</b>	Balance and additional items
Company Name:	Solid Contact Baseball, Inc	P.O. Number:	
Address:	16 Forest Street	Invoice Number:	12310701
City, State Zip Code:	New Canaan, CT 06840	Term:	30 Days
Date:	12/31/07		

Description	Quantity	<b>Unit Price</b>	Cost
November Final Payment		***************************************	\$67,150.00
September Invoice			\$5,246.00
Shipping - Sport Shake samples			\$125.40
Alexian Field Rental (2 day)			\$4,500.00
Talent			\$5,400.00
Stadium Food (2 day)			\$1,850.00
Baseball hats (12) for shoot			\$156.96
Podcast Recording			\$1,000.00
Weekend Recording Session (VO)			\$3,200.00
GAP Hitter Landing Page w/video			\$1,200.00
Parking			\$112.00
Cab Fares			\$96.00
Kinkos			\$176.14

This invoice does not include cost increase for media test budget. Any increase will be determined once media schedule is confirmed. Total \$90,212.50

Please remit payment via electronic transfer:

Bank - JP Morgan Chase ABA# - 021 000 021 Account # - 2664232 Account Name - Cekom

# Exhibit 3

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Rob Moss <robertamoss@gmail.com>

# (no subject)

Stephanie Wysocki <swysocki@urthcom.com> To: "Rob Moss Jr." <rob@solidcontactbaseball.com>

Fri, Oct 12, 2007 at 12:38 PM

Hi Rob -

I'm glad we connected this morning. I think the coaches section of the website is going to be a really great tool. I'll be working on this over the weekend --- please send over any forms or skeleton concepts you and Chris have.

As I mentioned, attached is an invoice for September. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns you may have.

All the best, Stephanie





# Invoice

Attention:	Robert A. Moss, Jr.	Project Title:	Solid Contact Baseball	
Title:	President	Project Description:	September - Additional Projects	
Company Name:	Solid Contact Baseball, Inc	P.O. Number:		
Address:	16 Forest Street	Invoice Number:	1001070	
City, State Zip Code:	New Canaan, CT 06840	Term:	30 Days	
Date:				

Job Number	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
	Roundtrip Airfare (OC Trip)			\$393.00
	Hours (OC Trip)	9.5	\$125.00	\$1,187.50
	Parking (OC Trip)			\$50.00
	Investor Presentation (Sept 13)	16	\$125.00	\$2,000.00
	Parking (Sept 13)	2	\$14.00	\$28.00
	Fulfillment Group Meeting (Sept 14)	8	\$125.00	\$1,000.00
SCB-082401	Logo Design & Development			\$2,500.00
SCB-082402	On-site photography			\$2,200.00
			Subtotal	\$9,358.50
		Tax		\$0.00

Total \$9,358.50

# Exhibit 4



Rob Moss <robertamoss@gmail.com>

# **Revised Invoice**

Stephanie Wysocki <swysocki@urthcom.com>

Fri, Oct 12, 2007 at 4:51 PM

To: "Rob Moss Jr." <rob@solidcontactbaseball.com>

Cc: dwilliams@urthcom.com, Pete Ceko <Peter.ceko@mam.bm>

Hi Rob -

Please find attached revised invoice for the September projects. Several of the elements have been reduced to cover hard costs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a ring.

All the best,

Stephanie





# Invoice

Attention:	Robert A. Moss, Jr.	Project Title:	Solid Contact Baseball	
Title:	President	Project Description:	REVISED September - Additional Projects	
Company Name:	Solid Contact Baseball, Inc	P.O. Number:		
Address:	16 Forest Street	Invoice Number:	1001070	
City, State Zip Code:	New Canaan, CT 06840	Term:	30 Days	
Date:				

Job Number	Description	Quantity	<b>Unit Price</b>	Cost
	Roundtrip Airfare (OC Trip)			\$393.00
	Hours (OC Trip)	9.5	\$50.00	\$475.00
	Parking (OC Trip)			\$50.00
	Investor Presentation (Sept 13)	6	\$50.00	\$300.00
	Parking (Sept 13)	2	\$14.00	\$28.00
	Fulfillment Group Meeting (Sept 14)	8	\$50.00	\$400.00
SCB-082401	Logo Design & Development			\$1,600.00
SCB-082402	On-site photography			\$2,000.00
			Subtotal	\$5,246.00
		Tax		\$0.00
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Total \$5,246.00